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Masaru Inoue et al.

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For: THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN
PLATE AND SUSPENSION CORRECTION
APPARATUS, AND CORRECTION
METHOD

Examiner: S. M. Heinrich

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the prior art rejections discussed below.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "**AAPA**"), including JP Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-339894, in view of U.S. Patent 7,133,257 to Chang et al. (hereinafter "**Chang et al.**") in view of U.S. Patent 6,548,009 to Khlif et al. (hereinafter "**Khlif et al.**"), in view of **Tomohisa et al.** (previously applied) and **Kojima et al.** (previously applied).

Chang et al. discloses a method for adjusting the twist, crown and camber of an air bearing surface of a slider to substantially match final target values for twist, crown and camber, the slider having a back surface opposite the air bearing surface.